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REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 15-22 have been withdrawn from consideration due to a restriction requirement by the Examiner.

The present invention relates to flexible hydrogenated block copolymer blends and applications thereof.

Claim 1 has been amended to include blends of flexible hydrogenated block copolymers with an additional polymer.

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Hoeg et al. (U.S. 3,598,886). The Examiner states that Hoeg discloses fully hydrogenated styrene butadiene styrene block copolymers as described in the present application. The Claims have been amended to be limited to blends of fully hydrogenated styrene butadiene styrene block copolymers with an additional polymer and applications thereof. Such blends are not taught or suggested by Hoeg. Therefore, this rejection has been obviated.

Therefore, in light of the previous amendments and remarks above, allowance of claims 1-14 is respectfully requested.

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